The total quantity of copper brass and other metals imported during 1991-92, and 1992-93 (April '92—Jan. '93) has been as under :

| Item | Year | Qty. in tonnes |
|---|---|---|
| Copper/brass | 1991-92 | 131265 |
| | 1992-93 (April '92—Jan '93) | 120831 |
| Others Metals | 1991-92 | 2607792 |
| | 1992-93 (April '92—Jan '93) | 1765317 |

(b) Government does not maintain data of actual ccrsumption of these metals. The above import figure would, however, show the import treed.

(c) and (d) Import of all ferrous and non-ferrous metals can be made freely tinder the liberalised Export and Import Policy.

**Agricultural Export Turnover**

7.33. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will tha Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had projected a $ 5 billicn agriculture exports turnover by the end of 1995-96, as reported in the Economic. Times of the 2nd April, 1993;

(b) if so, what amount had been fetched in this regard during the year 1992-93 and how does it compare *to* '991-92;

(c) what are the details of the steps Government propose to take for a stable Policy towards agriculture related exports and also the changes contemplated in this regard in export-import policy of 1992-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AIT AIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDD1N AHMED) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of export agricultural commodities (including plantation crops like tea and coffee, cotton and marine products during 1991-92 and 1992-93 arc given below :

| Year | Export (US $ Million) |
|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 3047 |
| 1992-93 (April—Jan) (Provisional) | 2356 |

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(c) Government is giving special attention to the growth of exports in the agri-cuitural sector. The establishment of export ortentcd units in this sector is being given high provity. It has been decided that such units cat, avail of the benefits cf duty-free imports under EOUl EPZ, scheme even if they export 50 percent of their production. They can sell the remaininng 50 percent in the domestic market as against the limit of 25 percent permitted for non-agricultural sector. The definition of 'capital goods' under the new EXIM Policy has been widened to cover capital goods used in agriculture and allied activities so thai units in this sector can avail of the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme for importing their requirement of equipment at a concessional rate of duly. Further-mere, import duties on certain inputs and materials required by the agricultural sector have been lowered and they have been made freely importable. Various incentives have-.already been renounced for the agri-cultural sector n the 1993-94 Budget. These changes are expected to give an impetus to agricultural exports.

Amendment Modification to the EXIM. Policy is a continuous process.

**Trade among SAARC Countries**

734. SHRI RAMDAS AOARWAL -. Will the Minister rf COMMERCE be pleased in state :

(a) what is the value of trade in SDR's and US Dollars among SAARC countries during i992-93 and how does it compare to the yesr 1901-92-.

(b) what are the major items of exchange among them with name of the maor exporting countries, item-wise;

(c) whether the SAARC Trade is expected to go up during 1993-94 as compared to 1992-93; and

(d) the steps taken so far by Government for promoting trade with the other SAARC Coumries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) This information is not available with the Govt, of Indis.

(d) Trade with other SAARC countries 's being promoted through both bilateral arrangements as well as the multilateral route. Trading arrangements with Nepal have been considerably liberalised recently. Measures have also been taken to promote trade with Bangladesh and Sri Lanka On the side, the framework agreement for South Asian. Preferential Trading Arangement (SAPTA) has recently been signed at the Dhaka Summit meeting.

**निर्यात पर साम्प्रदायिक दंगों का प्रभाव**

735 श्री दिनेश यादव : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1992 में हुए साम्प्रदायिक दंगों का निर्यात पर गहरा प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन मदों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके निर्यात पर प्रभाव पड़ा है और विगत वर्षों की तुलना में उनके निर्यात में कितनी कमी आई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) हालांकि यह बताना मुश्किल है कि देश के कुछ भागों में हुई गड़बड़ियों/साम्प्रदायिक दंगों का कितना प्रभाव पड़ा है लेकिन निर्यात निष्पादन पर इनका प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ।

**Export of Tractors by HMT**

736. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) what are the details of the tractors exported by the Hindustan Machine Tools during each of the last three years country-wise; and